

## General Assembly

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## Proposed Bill No. 94

LCO No. 602

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by: SEN. SOMMA, 16<sup>th</sup> Dist.

## AN ACT CONCERNING FIBER CABLE ACCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) provide a personal
- 2 property tax exemption for fiber optic equipment used by
- 3 telecommunications companies, (2) establish a matching grant
- 4 program, within the Department of Economic and Community
- 5 Development, similar to the program for export companies established
- 6 pursuant to public Act 00-154 to assist information technology
- 7 companies in identifying the use and demand of performance
- 8 technology in the business community and (3) provide an information
- 9 technology housing initiative to identify housing markets and sites
- 10 that includes state and local government assistance with the
- 11 acquisition and clean up of potential housing sites and the creation of
- 12 housing within such zones.

## Statement of Purpose:

To accelerate fiber optic cable access, create a matching grant for information technology companies and to encourage housing in and around information technology zones.